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TAFT ACCEPTS WILDER'S RESIGNATION GREAT LIGHTHOUSE DEPOT HERE

Want Site For \$100,000 Depot

U. S. Engineers Instructed to Decide
Location of Lighthouse
Supply Station

The United States authorities are searching for a site upon which will be located a lighthouse depot and supply station which will cost over \$100,000. It is stated that authorization has been received by Major Winslow to proceed at once with the selection of a site on the waterfront of the city that will prove suitable and available for the erection of a depot for the lighthouse establishment in the Territory.

The amount asked for the condemnation of land and construction of a site is \$102,000, the estimates having been placed in the hands of the Washington authorities some time ago. The site has not yet been determined upon, but will require a careful investigation by the local engineers' department before a final recommendation is made to the Washington authorities.

The establishment of a lighthouse depot in Honolulu was dwelt on at considerable length in the report of the Governor Frear for 1909.

Major Winslow, in regard to the report from Washington that the government intends erecting a lighthouse depot at a cost of about \$100,000, today said:

"The necessity for a lighthouse depot was considered so pressing that about a year ago estimates and figures were drawn up by this office and submitted to the Lighthouse Board for the construction of a proper wharf and depot. These estimates were passed upon and apparently have now been forwarded to Congress, hence the report that an appropriation has been made."

The recommendation of previous years for the establishment of a lighthouse depot has been renewed and pushed with such vigor that the amount asked for originally has been increased from \$40,000 to \$102,000, this increase being considered necessary in view of the additional space required for storage and for handling plant for large lighted buoys and for the accommodation of the tender and storekeepers.

TAFT GETS ZELAYA LETTER

NICARAGUA, Dec. 17. — President Zelaya has cabled President Taft that he has resigned his office. He declares that his purpose in taking this step is to enable Nicaragua to resume friendly relations with the United States.

He announces his intention of leaving his country, but says he is ready to account for any and all his acts during his term of office as President.

To Recognize Gen. Estrada

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. — Congressmen Sulzer of New York introduced a resolution today authorizing the President to recognize General Estrada as the President of Nicaragua and proceed to punish ex-President Zelaya for his outrages against American citizens and their nation.

COUNTY OFFICIALS INSPECT ROADS

Mayor Fern, City and County Clerk Kalaokalani and Members Quinn Ahia, Cox and Kane of the Board of City and County Supervisors left this morning to pay a visit to some of the new roads now under construction or recently completed in the county of Oahu.

The party will also make an inspection of that portion of the road in the vicinity of Raymond Grove where it passes over the small culvert at which Miss Smith lost her life on Wednesday night.

The county officials will travel over such portions of the Kalaokalani and Kahana roads that are completed. The party left Honolulu in an automobile and expect to return late this evening.

G. I. Norman, a prominent architect of Atlanta, Ga., committed suicide by shooting. Ill health is supposed to have been the cause.

SIERRA READY BY FIRST OF MARCH

May Bring Several Excursion Parties Here

The Oceanic Steamship Sierra is now being converted into an oil burning vessel and before the alterations and repairs which the steamer is now undergoing are completed, the Sierra will be placed in first class condition, and will be in every way on a par with the best equipped liners which now make the port of Honolulu.

The Sierra will be ready for sea by March 1, according to the latest advice received at the local agency by the Alameda this morning.

The contract has now been let which will result in a fuel-oil burning apparatus being installed in the Sierra.

The liner will be ready for going on the San Francisco-Honolulu run as soon as she has completed two or three special trips which are now mooted, wherein excursion parties are to be brought down from the coast to the islands.

In a letter from the Oceanic Steamship management, it is stated that (Continued on Page 3)

DOWDELL ROUNDS OFF HALF CENTURY AT SEA

Alameda's Skipper Is
Still Hale and
Hearty

SIERRA NOT READY
FOR SEVERAL TRIPS

Popular Ferry Brings Big Cargo.
New Automobiles, Over One
Hundred Passengers and Christ-
mas Mail—Kalamianias Return.

Captain Thomas Dowdell rounded out fifty years at sea only a few days ago and the completion of a half century spent in going down to the sea in ships was not allowed to pass without a demonstration from the officers and other members of the staff of the good ship Alameda.

Captain Dowdell, with the care and responsibilities of the crack Oceanic liner resting upon him, might have been inclined to let the event escape his notice, but the reception that he received at the hands of his fellow associates on the Alameda is something that will require long years to forget.

The fiftieth milestone of continuous service at sea was passed by the well-known skipper as the Alameda was nearing San Francisco on her last trip up from Honolulu. The first intimation that Captain Dowdell had of the celebration was when he was led down the companion-way into a prettily decorated dining saloon and he there viewed a wealth of artistic decoration showing the handwork of Purser Tom Smith and J. Carleton and his assistants.

All the passengers participated in the celebration. Many a toast was offered to the continued health and service of the popular skipper.

The Alameda came alongside the Oceanic wharf shortly before 9 o'clock this morning, bringing 86 cabin and 33 steerage passengers. The vessel came down from San Francisco in 5 days, 20 hours, 51 minutes and 14 seconds to follow the exact notation in the report kept by Purser Smith.

The Alameda brings general cargo to the amount of a trifle over fifteen hundred tons. Included in this are eight new automobiles for local importers.

There is a Christmas mail of 250 sacks.

The trip was signalled by fair weather most of the way down. There were no gales as the steamer apparently kept ahead of the bad weather which followed along the California Coast after the sailing of the Alameda. One of the steerage passengers is a Japanese who was deported from Honolulu some weeks ago. He is believed to have been of unsound mind and made one unsuccessful attempt to end his life by cutting his throat.

Chief Engineer Frank Putzer of the Alameda has resigned his position to accept an important office with the Selby Smelting and Lead Company in the metal department. Putzer has been chief on the Alameda for the past three years and his brother officers are sorry to see him go. Before taking charge of affairs in the Alameda's engine room, Putzer was chief on the (Continued on Page 5)

A NEW ARRIVAL

Among the many packages included in the freight of the S. S. Lurline, which arrived here a few days ago, was one for L. B. Kerr & Co., which contained a large assortment of the latest in jet and shell barrettes, side combs, hand bags, collars, brooches, back combs, head bags, feather boas and a great quantity of other goods so dear to Xmas.

These goods are intended as samples from which to make up the coming spring orders, but it being the Holiday Season, Kerr & Co. have decided to put them on sale at once. Remember there are no two alike and that they are the very latest.

Toys are one of the specialties here.

CONTEST FOR LEO'S THRONE

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 17. — It is reported that the son of the Baroness Vaughan will make a contest for the throne of Belgium. It is said that the Vatican has confirmed the marriage.

Americans Ask Protection

CORINTO, Nicaragua, Dec. 17. — Americans are asking for protection from the armed supporters of the Zelaya cause.

SENDING MORE MARINES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. — The naval transport Buffalo with seven hundred marines has been ordered to Panama.

The spectacle of a woman fighting for possession of the body of the man she killed was seen in court at Reno, Nev., when Lieutenant-Colonel Talbot, of the Canadian Parliament, obtained an injunction preventing Mrs. Mary Talbot from sending the body of her husband to San Francisco for cremation. Mrs. Talbot, a former opera singer, shot her husband.

The City Commissioners of Wichita, Kan., passed an ordinance providing for a censor of plays and moving picture shows, in order that they might legally stop the reproduction of the Coffeyville Bank raid by the Dalton gang.

Directors of the Iron Mountain railroad called a meeting of stockholders in February to approve of the absorption of the twenty-three auxiliary lines of the system in Arkansas and Louisiana and a \$25,000,000 bond issue.

It was announced recently at Pontiac, Mich., that the Grand Trunk system has practically closed a deal for the purchase of the Pontiac, Oxford & Northern Railroad, 100 miles in length.

The Proposed Merger of Copper interests is still in progress according to announcement by J. P. Morgan & Co.

WARD SAYS WAS MISREPRESENTED

Stands by Resolution and
Says Something on
Americanism

George Ward, president of the Marine Engineers' Association, was misrepresented by the morning paper—whether intentionally or not he does not know—when he was published as not knowing that the coastwise law suspension movement had to do with passengers only. Mr. Ward says:

"A reporter of the Advertiser called on me and wanted my personal statement in regard to just how I stood on the coastwise law suspension question. I referred him to the resolution of the engineers, passed at their last meeting, and asked him if it was not clear enough for him or anybody else that could read."

As regards the statement that I was in favor of suspending the coastwise laws for passengers only, I wish to say that I never made any such statement, nor did I hear any such (Continued on Page 5)

Kapaa Water Rights Charge

Spaulding Alleged to Have Taken Water
Belonging to Public—
Faces Suit

Charged with the misappropriation of a public water supply Colonel Spaulding and the Makee Sugar Company are probable defendants in a suit that may be instituted against the sugar magnate and the corporation by the officials of the Territorial government, the case having been placed in the hands of Acting Attorney General Lorin Andrews by Marston Campbell in his capacity as land commissioner.

The Makee Sugar Company and its president Colonel Spaulding are accused of having used for the sole and exclusive benefit of the plantation water having its source in the mauka lands, adjoining the plantation, which are public domains.

Spaulding refuses to admit that he has been using water for irrigation and power purposes which belong by right to the public and has accordingly, it is understood, refused to admit the contention advanced by Campbell that he should reimburse the Territory for the water applied wrongfully and without right.

There is a possibility of course that the water differences existing between the Government and the Spaulding interests in regard to the Kapaa water rights may be amicably adjusted, the history of Kapaa and its many interesting ramifications of administrative control indicate that it may not be necessary for the Government to press its contemplated suit against the Makee Sugar Company which heretofore has profited materially through the fates of the Kapaa lands.

It is understood that Campbell has delivered an ultimatum to Spaulding to the general effect that he must pay a stipulated sum for the water used after a date specified and that if this is not agreed to by the Makee Sugar Company the Attorney General's department will be asked to proceed at once with the legal side of the question.

Taft Accepts Wilder Resignation

Cablegram Received And Wilder
Is No Longer An Associate
Supreme Justice

Arthur Wilder is no longer on associate justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii. A cablegram was received by him this morning from President Taft accepting his resignation to take effect immediately and it became operative as soon as it was placed in the hands of Justice Wilder.

The terms of President Taft's acceptance are as follows:

"Your telegram of December 15th received and resignation as associate justice Supreme Court of Hawaii is hereby accepted to take effect immediately."

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

Wilder is consequently now free to take up his duties as a member of the law firm of Thompson & Clemens and his period of able service as a justice of the Supreme Court has ceased.

Nothing has been heard from Washington as yet on the appointment of his successor, but it is generally accepted that the unanimous endorsement of the Bar Association will give Judge De Bolt the place.

Judge Woodruff, retiring from the bench of the United States Federal court, stated this morning that his resignation has been sent to Washington to take effect on January 1 and he expressed the hope that it might have been accepted and his successor named before he left the Territory, which he does on the Korea Monday.

Manrice Cornell, a survivor of the Greeley North pole expedition, declares his belief that Dr. Frederick A. Cook reached the pole.

Col. Cyrus Leary, who commanded the Forty-ninth Negro Infantry during the Civil War, died at Upper Sandusky, O.

Road Is Blamed For Auto Tragedy

Coroner's Jury Views Scene of Miss
Smith's Death—Danger
To Traffic

This morning the coroner's jury which is enquiring into the death of Miss Harriet Smith, who was killed in an automobile wreck on Wednesday night, visited the scene of the accident.

The jury was taken out in an automobile and Deputy Sheriff Rose accompanied the party. A start was made at 9:30 o'clock from the police court, and the jurors returned to town at 11 o'clock. Immediately upon reaching the Sheriff's office the jury handed in the following verdict:

"We find that Harriet Smith died from a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain, caused by the accidental overturning of an automobile driven by one O. L. Sorenson, owing to a misjudgment on his part, of the road, said accident occurring at a culvert near Raymond Grove, in the district of Ewa, City and County of Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii."

"This jury feels that the approach leading up to the culvert where the accident occurred is unsafe for public traffic and should be properly guarded."

At the inquest, which was held last night at the police station, the first witness called was Ollie Sorenson, who was driving the machine when the accident occurred.

Sorenson deposed that the car was not traveling at a higher rate of speed than ten or fifteen miles an hour. The big lamp on the machine was not lit as there had been some trouble with it; the smaller lamps did not give sufficient light to make the road clear. Witness thought that he was past the place where the accident happened. It all happened so suddenly that he could not remember much about the affair till he climbed out of the ditch later on. He thinks that at the moment the car went over the embankment that he cut off the spark.

As soon as he recovered himself he heard two groans from Miss Smith and then everything was quiet, until Will Roth cried out for help. Roth was pinned down under the car and was complaining that he could not breathe, and saying that he did not think he could stand it much longer.

Miss Hegemann came to his assistance and between them they managed (Continued on Page 3)



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